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SUBJ: TRADE COMMITTEE: AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. AT JAN 7 MEETING OF TCWP CONSENSUS WAS REACHED ON
FOLLOWING AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING OF TRADE COMMITTEE.
ALL DELS HAVE NOW ACCEPTED DATES OF FEB 3-4.

A. RELATIONS WITH LDC'S

- 1) DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN NTB FIELD--TC(75)17
- 2) PREFERENCES IN DIALOGUE AND MTN--DRAFT SUMMARY OF
CHAIRMAN OF GROUP ON PREFERENCES ISSUED AS TD/6216,
(TO BE FINALIZED BEFORE TC MEETING).
- 3) INVENTORY OF TRADE ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE IN NORTH-
SOUTH DIALOGUE--TC(76)1.
- 4) NOTE ON EXISTING STANDSTILL AGREEMENTS--TC(76)2.

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B. EXPORT CREDITS

- 1) REPORT OF THE EXPORT CREDITS GROUP--DRAFT ISSUED AS TC/ECG/75.20 (TO BE FINALIZED BEFORE TC).
- 2) ROLE AND TERMS OF EXPORT CREDITS BY AREAS OF DESTINATION--TC(75)18.

C. GOVERNMENT PURCHASING

REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY--DRAFT ISSUED AS TFD/TD/897 (TO BE FINALIZED BEFORE TC).

D. TRENDS IN WORLD SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF MAJOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

- 1) SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT--C(75)157
- 2) SECRETARIAT DISCUSSION PAPER ON C(75)157--TC(75)19

E. INTERNAL POLICIES

(ORAL REPORT BY TCWP CHAIRMAN)

F. REVIEW OF 1966 COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION ON SIMPLIFICATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF IMPORT PROCEDURES

(ORAL REPORT BY TCWP CHAIRMAN)

G. CHANGES IN TRADE POLICY

UK IMPORT QUOTAS AND SURVEILLANCE LICENSING--TC(75)

1/17 ADDENDUM.

CHANGES IN UK COST INFLATION INSURANCE--TC(75)1/17

ADD. 2

SWEDISH IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND SURVEILLANCE--TC(75)

1/18 AND 3 ADDENDA

2. FOLLOWING ARE MISSION COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS C-G:

C. GOVERNMENT PURCHASING: IT WAS AGREED IN TCWP TO SCHEDULE THIS ITEM FOR MORNING OF SECOND DAY OF TC TO ENABLE EXPERTS TO BE INCLUDED ON DELEGATION IF SO DESIRED. MISSION RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN OECD PARIS 33688.

D. AGRICULTURE STUDY: AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE THIS UP JAN 26-28, AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (DAC) WILL ALSO TAKE IT UP, PROBABLY IN EARLY MARCH. SECRETARIAT DISCUSSION PAPER TC(75)19 (ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISSUED AS AGR(75)21 AND DAC(75)53) IS FOR USE BY ALL THREE COMMITTEES. WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER US SHOULD PROPOSE THAT TRADE AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES REFER THIS STUDY TO THEIR JOINT WORKING PARTY FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION, SINCE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE DISCUSSION PAPER ARE OF INTEREST TO BOTH COMMITTEES. IF THIS ROUTE IS CHOSEN, WE THINK THE JOINT WORKING PARTY OUGHT TO BE

ENLARGED TO INCLUDE DAC REPRESENTATION ON AN AD HOC BASIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINING THE STUDY.

E. INTERNAL POLICIES: RESULT OF JAN 7 TCWP MEETING, REPORTED SEPTEL, IS ESSENTIALLY THAT NO FURTHER WORK SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AT THIS TIME.

F. IMPORT PROCEDURES: RESULT OF JAN 7 TCWP, REPORTED SEPARATELY, IS THAT NO FURTHER REVIEW OF 1966 COUNCIL RESOLUTION NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

G. CHANGES IN TRADE POLICY:

1) IN LINE WITH US POSITION OF STATE 297301, WE RECOMMEND US REP AT TC PROPOSE TCWP UNDERTAKE EXAMINATION OF UK IMPORT CONTROLS.

2) UK NOTIFICATION OF RECENT CHANGES IN ITS COST ESCALATION INSURANCE SCHEME (TC(75)1/17 ADD. 2) INCLUDES FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT END: "THE UK REMAINS FULLY PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY GENERAL INVESTIGATION OF ALL SCHEMES OF COST ESCALATION COVER BUT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR SUCH AN INVESTIGATION TO BE CONFINED TO THE UK SCHEME". FACT REMAINS THAT TC AT TIS 4/30/75 MEETING REQUESTED TCWP TO FOLLOW THE DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE UK INSURANCE SYSTEM, AND, CONSIDERING ONE YEAR HAS ELAPSED SINCE SCHEME WAS IMPLEMENTED, IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR US TO USE OCCASION OF RECENT CHANGES TO SUGGEST TCWP HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT UK SCHEME. TC MEETING MIGHT ALSO BE GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO RE-RAISE QUESTION OF GENERAL REVIEW OF SUCH SCHEMES (DECISION ON THIS WAS "POSTPONED" AT 4/30/75 MEETING.) IN THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE THAT FINLAND AND FRANCE HAVE BEEN WILLING TO SUBMIT INFORMATION ON THEIR SCHEMES TO WP-6 OF THE COUNCIL (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAINED IN DOCUMENTS C/WP6(75)36 AND C/WP6(75)29 RESPECTIVELY.) WP-6 HAS ALSO DEVELOPED A DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE ON THESE SCHEMES (C/WP6(75)46).

3) SWEDISH ACTION ON FOOTWEAR: THIS IS ANOTHER POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR EXAMINATION BY TCWP. ACCOUNT OF OECD COUNCIL DISCUSSION IS CONTAINED IN OECD PARIS 29777.

4) AUSTRALIAN ACTIONS: SINCE NEARLY A YEAR HAS ELAPSED SINCE A NUMBER OF AUSTRALIAN SAFEGUARD ACTIONS WERE REVIEWED IN TCWP, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL, ESPECIALLY IF TCWP IS CHARGED WITH EXAMINING SEVERAL RELATIVELY MINOR TRADE MEASURES, TO ASK AUSTRALIANS TO GIVE TCWP STATUS REPORT (PERHAPS WRITTEN) ON SAFEGUARD MEASURES

TAKEN, NOT TAKEN, OR DISCONTINUED DURING THIS TIME.

5) FRANCE--CHIRAC LETTER: ALTHOUGH THIS ACTION
(REPORTED IN PARIS 27093) HAS NEVER BEEN NOTIFIED
OR DISCUSSED IN OECD, US MIGHT WISH TO USE OPPORTUNITY
OF TC MEETING TO EXPRESS CONCERNS VOICED BILATERALLY PER
STATE 258359.

3. SET OF ALL DOCUMENTS FOR MEETING AVAILABLE AS OF
JAN 9 BEING HANDCARRIED TO GLITMAN BY R. SMITH, EB/IFD/
OIA, WHO SHOULD BE IN DEPT. JAN 12.
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